## Governor Sam Brownback announces Justice Assistance Grants for crime reduction, enforcement and prevention in Kansas

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced the grant recipients of the 2015 Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. JAG program funding helps strengthen partnerships for safe communities and enhance the state's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime. More than \$1.8 Million will be awarded to local and statewide criminal justice agencies and support organizations for their criminal justice projects.

"Kansas has an extraordinary network of agencies and organizations that contribute to the safety and well-being of our citizens," said Governor Brownback. "These grants strengthen partnerships and engage our communities in preventing crime and protecting Kansans."

The Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC) oversees the criminal justice federal funding made available to Kansas through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The KCJCC includes the Governor, Attorney General, Supreme Court Chief Justice, Corrections Secretary, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, and Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director.

"Providing the best public safety services requires dedicated local officials and access to modern technology," said KCJCC Chair, Attorney General Derek Schmidt. "These grants will help advance local priorities for improving public safety."

2015 Justice Assistance Grant Awards			
County	Organization Name	<b>Grant Award</b>	
Anderson	Garnett Police Department	\$16,665	
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$64,956	
Bourbon	Sheriff's Office	\$40,670	
Brown	Hiawatha Police Department	\$13,192	
Butler	Rose Hill Police Department	\$21,506	
Ellis	Northwest Kansas Community Corrections	\$92,579	
Harvey	Newton Police Department	\$ 9,796	
Johnson	Merriam Police Department	\$26,720	
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$18,870	
Kingman	Sheriff's Office	\$56,428	
Leavenworth	Brothers In Blue Reentry	\$158,505	
Lyon	SOS	\$31,521	
Miami	Paola Police Department	\$71,477	

Montgomery	Four County Mental Health Center	\$127,777
Osage	Carbondale Police Department	\$ 6,323
Pottawatomie	Sheriff's Office	\$17,341
Reno	Hutchinson Police Department	\$ 5,682
Saline	28 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections	\$63,418
Saline	Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas	\$50,032
Scott	Sheriff's Office	\$26,850
Scott	Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center	\$55,321
Sedgwick	Kansas DUI Impact Center	\$37,022
Sedgwick	Park City Police Department	\$18,430
Sedgwick	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center	\$18,298
Shawnee	Valeo Behavioral Health Care	\$91,189
Wilson	Fredonia Police Department	\$29,940
Wyandotte	Edwardsville Police Department	\$62,530
Wyandotte	Unified Government Sheriff's Office	\$222,246

Statewide Agencies		
Kansas Bureau of Investigation	\$107,733	
Kansas Department of Corrections	\$182,461	
Kansas Highway Patrol	\$94,745	
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED:	\$1,840,223	

Entities eligible for JAG grant awards include units of state and local government, Native American Tribes, and nonprofit, community, and faith-based organizations. JAG funds are intended to support:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs